

Alexandria Gazette.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 25.

THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH.—There is a man on the Darson river, below Dayton, named Angela Cordella, who claims to be the strongest man in the world. He is an Italian, aged twenty-eight, and stands five feet ten inches, weighing 198 pounds. His strength was born with him, for he had no athletic training. He differs from other men chiefly in the osseous structure. Although not of unusual size, his spinal column is much beyond the ordinary width, and his bones and joints are made on a similarly large and generous scale. He has lifted a man of 200 pounds with the middle finger of his right hand. The man stood with one foot on the floor, his arms outstretched, his hands grasped by two persons to balance his body. Cordella then stooped, placed the third finger of his right hand under the man's foot, and, without any perceptible effort, raised him to the height of four feet and deposited him on a table near at hand. Once two powerful men waylaid Cordella, with intent to thrash him, but he seized one in each hand and hammered them together until the life was nearly knocked out of them.—*Virginia Spectator.*

APES AS WORKERS.—The ideas of M. Victor Meunier with regard to the domestication of apes are discussed in the new number of the *Revue d'Anthropologie* by Madame Clemence Royer, the French translator of Darwin. Madame Royer does not doubt that, under a proper system of training, apes might be made good workers. They lack perseverance, indeed, but in general intelligence they are, she thinks, superior to the dog, the horse, or even the elephant. She points out, however, that it would be necessary to feed domesticated apes with great quantities of fruit, bread, and eggs, that the process of educating them would be costly, and that for many generations they would probably be injuriously affected by the climate of Europe. Her opinion is that, if the experiment is to be made, it should be made first of all in tropical countries, where apes might be taught to labor in connection with the cultivation of coffee, cocoa and cotton.

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